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MISCELLANEOUS.

Getting Into Society.

"I tell you Jack, the farm is not your vocation. I become more and more convinced of the fact every day, and less contented with the life which we are leading."

Breakfast was over and we stood on the farmhouse portico, arm in arm. On the sill of the door sat baby, screaming with delight, as she fed a pair of pet pigeons from her dimpled hands. Our breakfast had been a delicious one—coffee as clear as amber, bread like snow, and steak done to a turn. All about us was a green tangle of sweet briar and honeysuckle; the sun was just rising above the mountain peaks and the morning air was sweet and fresh, and filled with exquisite woodland odors and musical with the songs of birds. We could catch a glimpse of the barn and poultry yards from where we stood, and hear the plaintive lowing of the kine and dreamlike tinkle of their bells. I felt a vague sort of conviction that Jack had but little sympathy with my spirit of discontent, yet I was determined to carry my point, if possible.

"You are dissatisfied with your lot—I see that plainly, Nell," said Jack, a trifle sadly.

"Oh, nonsense," I put in. "Not with my lot not with you, only with the farm Jack. I am tired to death with this prosy, humdrum life, and I hate to see you driving and toiling like a slave from one year's end to another. You were born for something better, Jack—something grander and better. Fancy a man of your abilities growing grain and digging potatoes and raising stock to his life's end."

"But, my dear," suggested Jack, "one must live and have bread and butter."

"Oh yes, that's of course true, but then why not earn it in a more genteel fashion?"

"Why, honest labor is always genteel, Nell."

"Oh, pshaw! you don't understand me Jack. I mean that you have capacities for something better. You only cling to the old farm to please your father, when you could do a hundred fold better elsewhere. And, besides, where is your society in this place Jack? What chance is there for our children as they grow up?"

Jack laughed heartily as he glanced down at the baby, who was struggling furiously to get a pigeon's head in her mouth.

"Ah, Nell, that is looking rather too far ahead," he said, "and, my dear, you seem to forget that I have lived here all my life."

"No, no, I don't forget. And pray what have you done, Jack?"

"Led an upright life, and married yourself in the end."

"But you didn't pick me up among the clover blossoms, Jack, don't forget that. You found me in town, and, Jack, dear, I'm anxious to get back once more in my native element. I'm tired of all this. Why, you can get on ever so nicely in town, Jack; and there we can get into society."

"You know that I am not very fond of society, Nell."

"Oh, but you should be, for my sake, Jack. I'm fond of it. I hate to live like a hermit. Why, Jack, if I desired to give a party to-morrow, we could not for lack of guests."

"Dear me, Nell, why I could muster scores."

"Of certain sorts, yes, but I don't want them, Jack. I'm a little peculiar in my notions you know. I want no society but the best; the—the—sort of society one gets in town."

"Fashionable society, Nell?"

"Well, then, why not? You have the means, Jack, and I flatter myself that we are fitted to move in any circle. Why should we bury ourselves in this wilderness?"

"Our means are not inexhaustible, you know."

"I'm aware of that Jack, but then we have got enough for a start, and besides Vanborough offers you a good place in the bank."

"At a limited salary, Nell."

"Oh, yes, but you can work your way up, Jack; right to the topmost round of the ladder. Do let's go, Jack! I've lived here to please you ever since our marriage; I think you can afford to please me once."

Jack sighed as he looked out upon his ripening grain fields, but he drew me closer to his heart and kissed me.

"That's true," he said, "you can't be expected to care for the farm as I do, Nell. I promised to make you happy when you consented to be my wife, and I'll try to keep my word. You can have it all your own way."

The continuous dropping of the water wears away the solid stone. I had conquered my husband at last, and the desire of my heart was about to be accomplished.

When Jack once made up his mind to do a thing he did it with all his might. The matter was settled. Cherry Hill, as we had called the farm, was sold at a sacrifice, and one morning we turned our backs upon the breezy mountain summits and grain fields, and journeyed city-ward.

"I'm afraid you're made a big mistake," said Jack's father, as he bade us good-bye; "you'd better stuck to the old farm. You remember the old saying about rolling stones."

"I don't believe in old sayings," I answered softly, "and I think I can appreciate my husband's abilities better than any one else can."

"All right; I hope you won't find yourself mistaken, my dear. Good-bye, to both of you. Whatever you do, care well for the little one. I'm afraid she won't like the change. If you happen to tire of town and fashion, don't forget that a welcome always awaits you at home."

Poor Jack's heart was too full for utterance.

"Thank you," I said, "but we shall not get tired."

Our new home in Pesarath was a stylish residence in a fashionable block. We established ourselves in the principal hotel and then set about the task of furnishing the house.

"My dear child," said Mrs Vanborough, the banker's wife, dropping in for an early call, "don't dream of such a thing as an ingrain carpet. Get Brussels sure. You'll find it will be much cheaper in the end, and besides it is so much more stylish."

We hearkened to our friend's advice, and had our rooms with Brussels, and the rest ran up into the hundreds. Then furniture was got to match. Mrs. Vanborough and other friends aiding us in our selection, and all sorts of pretty, costly bric-a-brac, and real lace curtains, and a cottage piano. My old instrument was too plain and clumsy for the establishment.

There is a curious sort of excitement in spending money which seems to drive the most sober and economizing people desperate, when they once get at it. Jack had always been one of the most careful men, counting the cost of everything as he went, and saving every stray penny.

When once into the vortex of city life, his prudence was speedily changed into a sort of recklessness. After the first few days, and by the time our new home was ready to receive us, he actually seemed to delight in seeing his money go.

"We've got snug quarters here, Nell, by George!" he said, looking through the extravagantly furnished rooms with admiration and pride. "No one in town can outshine us, not even Vanborough himself. It has lightened our purse a good deal I'll have to admit, but what does that signify? What good comes of having money unless one enjoys it somehow?"

"We must try and save up a little now, since we are fixed so nicely," I said feeling somewhat terrified at his growing so reckless.

"Pshaw, child! Who ever heard of a bank clerk saving anything? If we make both ends meet, it will be more than I look for."

"My dear," said Mrs Vanborough, when we were pleasantly settled in our house and hired a couple of servants, "I suppose you want to give some sort of a party now? It is customary, you know. Suppose you let it be an informal reception, with cards and coffee for the old people, and teas and fruits and dancing for the young ones. That would do nicely. You can throw your parlors into one, and your carpets will not get much injured. I'll help you to order your refreshments, and Cecilia will write out your invitations for you. She's an excellent judge as to whom it is expedient to invite."

I mentioned the matter to Jack when he came home, and he entered into the spirit of the novel affair with great excitement.

"To be sure, little wife, have a party by all means. When one is in Rome one must do as Romans do, you know. Don't spare expense either, my dear, we must make as good a show as other people. And I shall take it upon myself to order your costumes, as I want you to look as grand as a little empress."

"But, Jack," I suggested rather timidly, "we are spending a great deal of our money."

"Oh, well, never mind. It will go anyhow, one way or the other, and we might as well enjoy it. You've always wanted to get into good society, Nell, and you are fairly in now, and it won't do to let people see that your grapped for money. Let's make the most of it while we've got it."

My heart ached a little, and in the midst of all the flare and flutter of preparation, I was conscious of a vague feeling of regret whenever I recalled the quiet months of my early wifehood, spent at Cherry Hill. Jack had seemed such a different person in those days—so strong and steady, and self-reliant, now he seemed to take so much pleasure in life's frivolities as I did. With the foolish inconsistency of my sex, I sat down and cried over the consummation of the very hopes which I had cherished so long. But, despite my tears, our reception went on, and it turned out to be a great success. The best people in town honored us with their presence, and everything, thanks to Mrs. Vanborough's foresight, was carried out in the most lavishly elegant manner.

"By George," said Jack, "this sort of thing is jollier than the old farm. I see now, little wife, that you are right."

I would ten times rather be should have upbraided me and blamed me for what I had done. The winter that followed was exceedingly gay. We were invited everywhere, and our house was constantly filled with guests. Balls, soirees, hattie drums and the opera seemed to engross every hour. Jack and I seldom had a quiet moment together, yet he seemed to enjoy it. Spring came, our last surplus dollar had been expended, and we were solely dependent upon Jack's salary. The warm weather came on, and the baby soon fell ill. I hoped day by day that Jack would say something about going back to his father's farm for the summer, but he did not even hint at such a thing. The days grew longer and warmer. The sun shone down with a pitiless splendor and the paved streets seemed like heated brass. Our fashionable friends flattered off like summer swallows, and we were left almost alone.

"Couldn't you manage to make a little trip to the sea shore, my dear?" Mrs. Vanborough had suggested, and Jack had caught at the eagerness.

"We might, Nell. I think we can. I'll try to borrow a few hundred somewhere."

"Oh, Jack, no, no," I sobbed out, in my remorse and despair. "I won't go to the seashore. You can have all baby is. Oh, Jack, make your father to let us return home."

"Oh, you wouldn't be satisfied, Nell, if we went back." It is dreadfully stupid down there these summer days, with the hay-making, and the reaping and all that sort of thing. We should never be able to endure it now."

I said no more. The long, bright, burning days wore on, and our bills ran up higher and higher, and baby's little breath seemed to grow weaker and weaker, and poor Jack himself began to look dreadfully ill and worn. And one afternoon he was sent home in a carriage, quite unconscious, stricken down by a sudden fever. I put my pride aside then, and wrote a letter to Jack's father.

"Jack and baby are both ill," I said, "and we are sick and tired of this life. Pray forgive us, and let us come home."

The very next day the dear old gentleman arrived, but the bailiffs and officers of the law were before him. The rumor that we intended to leave town got out, and our creditors rushed in, anxious to secure the lion's share of our effects. The Brussel carpets, the handsome furniture and costly bric-a-brac, all went under the hammer at a disastrously low figure.

"Never mind," said my father-in-law, not a shadow of reproach on his kind old face, "let them squabble over it if they will. We must get our sick ones home."

So we got Jack into the carriage, and with his poor hot head upon my knee, and baby in my arms, I turned my back upon the scene of my short-lived triumph.

"We are going back to Cherry Hill," said the old gentleman, as in the dusk of the golden day we drove through the dewy stillness of the mountain ravine.

"The old home has been waiting for you all these months. I was pretty sure you'd want to come back."

I could not utter one word in answer. A great full moon was rising above the mountain peaks as we reached the home, and the smallest thing was changed. The great red roses bloomed on the terrace, the bees droned in their hives, and the cattle bells tinkled in the barnyard. The door stood wide open. We carried Jack in and laid him down in the broad breezy room that had been our bridal chamber.

He opened his eyes and drew a deep, quivering breath, as the mountain breeze touched his throbbing head.

"Nell, where are you?" he said. "Surely this must be home?"

"I am here, Jack," I answered, through my tears, and this is home, dear old Cherry Hill."

"Thank God!" he murmured, and fell back on the pillows and I saw great tears trickling slowly from beneath his closed eyelids. Beyond the open window, in the silver glory of the rising moon, the old grandfather sat with a baby at his feet, half hidden in the rank, cool grass, and even at that late hour the pigeons fluttered around her as of old, and she screamed with rapture as she clutched at them with her thin little hands. I rose softly and fell on my knees beside Jack's low pillow.

"Oh, Jack," I sobbed, "I have been so wicked. Forgive me, Jack, forgive me. I am so glad to be at home again."

And then and there, clasped to my husband's heart—in the safe, sweet shelter of the home beloved, I understood all the past.

"You didn't mean it, Jack," I whispered. "You only pretended to enjoy it all to please me."

He smiled at me with his grave, fond eyes.

"And, oh, Jack our money is all gone and—"

He silenced me with a kiss.

"No matter, little woman; the lesson we have learned has been cheaply bought. We shall not care to leave the safe old mountain nest in search of fashion and society again."

I could not answer. I heard my baby cooing to the pigeons in the grass, and sat there, clasped in Jack's folding arms, the happiest woman the round world held.

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We are not religionists, and never meddle with that subject in this paper, but we do try to criticise all public entertainments that are offered, and if any reputable theatre should fail as utterly to do what it promised as these two men do in their shows, we should not hesitate to condemn it as fraudulent.

The injury which an indiscreet and voluble man like Talmage does to the religion he tries to defend is only equalled by the odium which Mr. Ingersoll throws upon what is called liberal thought.

One of these champions undertakes to explain in a literal manner all the old myths and poetic licenses of the Hebrew scriptures—things that intelligent Christians ceased contending for fifty years ago.

The other champion turns into ridicule all the sacred things which, from association and tradition, are treated with respect if not with reverence by most men—Christian or infidel—and after telling funny stories about God for two hours, and heaping hilarious continuously upon everybody who pretends to have any belief at all, winds up by telling his listeners that he does not know whether there is any God or not, that we are all on the same craft together, without being on speaking terms with the captain, without knowing what harbor we sailed out of or what port we are sailing into, and about the only thing we can do is to have as good a time as possible on the voyage.

Why, rational sensible human beings should pay a dollar and a half to hear the old epicurean say that, we cannot for the life of us understand.

Many men may doubt that they have such a thing about them as an immortal soul. Very many intelligent men do doubt it. But they do not go to the edge of the grave to howl it in the ears of the mourners.

Many may doubt the existence of a personal God—many gifted and honored men do doubt it. But they do not get up great public exhibitions of their doubts and summersaults in the face of heaven.

Honest doubt is entitled to respect. But a noisy, catch-penny nescience is very apt to create disgust and contempt.

Mr. Ingersoll is in the habit of referring to science in a vague but laudatory manner. Why does he not trot out a little science occasionally? He has an overpowering respect for reason. Why not, then, stimulate our respect for it by an occasional exhibition of a little of it?

If he is going to overturn religion and emancipate the priest-ridden sons of earth from the thraldom of the creeds, he had better let that ark story and the snake story rest and get on to some new jokes.

If Christianity is going to be uprooted with this kind of humor, the humor has to be freshened once in six years at least.

If mankind is bleeding under the yoke of the several churches, it is high time that this high priest of hilarity got down to some solid work and provided himself with some new weapons of emancipation.

His large visceral system moves with an anticipated horror at the thumb-screw and the rack. He believes that Cardinal McCloskey keeps the tools of the house handy, waiting for an opportunity to have an *auto da-fe* in Union Square and to lay the cornerstone of an inquisition in the Central Park.

We don't believe that he can strike a single chain from the limbs of religious slavery with the sledge hammer of Illinois fun. We don't believe that the talk about science is worth two cents to the bleeding sons of toil, unless you know something about it. We don't believe at all that even infidelity wants an orgadman to play a tambourine in her service.

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THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., October 26, 1882.

H. F. BARBOUR, Editor.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Governor.
GENERAL JAMES A. BEAVER.
of Centre Co.

For Lieut.-Governor,
W. T. DAVIES,
of Bradford County.

For Supreme Judge,
WILLIAM HENRY RAWLE,
of Philadelphia.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs,
JOHN M. GREER,
of Butler.

For Congressmen-at-Large,
MARRIOT BROSIUS,
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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

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For Congress,
WALLACE W. BROWN,
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Subject to decision of Congressional Conference.

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For Additional Law Judge,
ARTHUR G. OLMSTED,
of Potter County.

For Assemblyman,
DAVID STERRETT,
of Smethport.

For Jury Commissioner,
E. F. CLARK,
of Bradford Township.

B. D. HAMLIN'S PLATFORM.

"There is to be a job of re-districting the state at Harrisburg next winter and I want a hand in it."—From Mr. Hamlin's speech of acceptance.

THE narrow sordid selfishness, which would prompt a man like Mr. Hamlin to gleefully accept a nomination to an important office, where it would become his duty to represent the whole people and not a faction or party is not characteristic of a great statesman or a man of advanced or liberal views. That he might thwart the plans of the opposition, and not that he might be of use to his fellow citizens and an honor to the council of a great commonwealth, is the only ambition that prompts the old gentleman to strive for a seat in the legislature. Surely the times are sadly out of joint when an old citizen would make a boast that could hardly be excused if coming from a young and inexperienced aspirant for political honors.

THE question is, shall we have the republican party with free schools, free speech and free press, or the democratic party with free trade, free whisky and no Sunday.

VOTERS should be on the alert for democrats who on election day will propose to trade one candidate for another. A favorite trade will be to exchange a vote for governor for one for the legislature. Stop this wherever it is found for there is neither policy or fairness in it so far as republicans are concerned, and democratic managers will try to secure as many members of the legislature as possible, even at the sacrifice of Pattison in whose election they have now but little confidence. Be sure your ticket is headed by the gallant General James A. Beaver, and contains in addition, all the republican nominees, both county and state.

EVERY voter should feel that he shares with others, equally, the responsibility of maintaining the dignity and standing of McKean county in the legislature of the state, and as this end it should be his aim to select from the candidates presented, the individual best qualified to represent the whole people of the county, one who is abreast of the times, who has no personal grievances to avenge or partisan ambitions to gratify. Such a man is David Sterrett. In the vigor of manhood, a lawyer of acknowledged ability, a citizen rearing a family in our midst, he is directly and largely interested in the development and prosperity of McKean county, and in the legislature will carefully guard the interests of his constituents and will be a credit to his county and an honor to himself.

ONLY a little more than a week is left in which to perfect arrangement for the coming election. In many respects it will be the most important election that has transpired in Pennsylvania since the republican party took the reins of government in 1861. The issues are those which come home most directly to the manufacturer and laboring man. The question of whether the government, with protection to industry and labor at home, shall be perpetuated, or whether the state shall now be handed over to free traders, who, when in power before, had almost hopelessly ruined the credit of the state, is the main issue to be tried by a jury of the whole people. The independents do not figure as a factor in the calculation only in so far as they may be able to cast the balance in favor of one or the other party. They have no prospect, or indeed no hope of success, their object is a puerile one—the outgrowth of disappointment. It is time for republicans to think and then act. There is no good to come to republicans through the success of the democratic party. Their record as a party is before every republican, let him scan it and say what there is in it that promises the reform which they prate about. A vote for the independent ticket, while it may be cast in the utmost good faith and honesty of purpose, is only an aid to the democratic ticket and an injury to the republican. It is absurd to talk of reforming the republican party by defeating it, and it is equally absurd to expect reform in state or national government from the democratic party if again elevated to control. They have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

contain any democratic pledges [illegible] trade candidates. We can elect the whole ticket if the full vote is polled without trading for or against any one of them.

THE democrats manifest good judgment in not nominating a candidate for Additional Law Judge. They could not put up any man of their party in the district with the most remote probability of election, and in endorsing the nomination of Hon. A. G. Olmsted, they at once compliment that gentleman and save themselves from ridiculous defeat.

THE Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin* is demanding the nomination of McCormick as it did that of Walker before his withdrawal. Any one from Lycoming according to its argument is sure of election, while with any other candidate the district would be in danger. We think in this end of the district that unless W. W. Brown is renominated the same result is to be feared.

IT is high time the republican congressional conferees in the sixteenth district made a nomination. The people expected them to do so long ago, but have waited patiently without having their patience rewarded. Enough has been seen of the conferees to convince the voters of the district of the loyalty of each conferee to his particular candidate, and the time has fully come when the demands of the electors for a candidate are of more consequence than the claims of any particular individual to the nomination. As it is, if a nomination were made to-day the time between this and the election is not sufficient for the nominee to make the most hasty visit to the different counties of the district, and scarcely sufficient to, in a general way declare his principles or his adherence to the platform of the party. Believing that the conferees wished to do the best they could in the premises the people have waited and abstained from comment, but we repeat it, the times demand action, and all personal feeling should be sunk at once and the work of the conference completed.

Independent Claptrap.

The claim of the independents to be the republican party of the day, is the merest chimera. They pretend to base it upon the civil service reform and the absence of leaders. As to the former—in the hands of this class it is becoming simply political claptrap. They have no patronage upon which to exercise their faculties, and if they had would perhaps find it by no means the easy task to control that they imagine. While this subject commends itself to the judgment of all reasonable thinking men, it does not imply that all wisdom and ability to perform the duties of the respective offices will die with those who now fill them, nor does it pretend to establish the idea that long and faithful service entitles the occupant to a life estate. As regards *leaders*, their claim is certainly Utopian. The former naturally presupposes the latter, and makes them an essential part of political operations. The fact is evident that they cannot object to leaders *per se*, but merely with a change (themselves perhaps). What surety they offer, that those proposed to be substituted will possess superior qualities, we have no means to determine. We do, however, protest against permitting them to foist upon the people democratic rules and leaders.

It is the most egregious folly to raise the "hue and cry" against leaders in politics, no matter in which party they are found. As well might we look for a successful voyage over trackless oceans with a newsboy for navigator, as to expect to succeed in any great issue without competent leaders, and according to the triumphs gained should they receive our respect and confidence. What is the verdict of the past; has it been continued defeat or victory? If victory has crowned their endeavors, what is the cause of complaint? Is there any danger in view of their self sacrificing efforts that they will cease to be patriots, or have their interest in the cause to which they are devoting their sleepless energies? Let the independents show any lack of patriotism in our republican leaders—prove wherein they have failed to deserve the respect and confidence of the people, before they ask them to give up those who have been tried and proved true to every trust. They hold their enviable positions not through intrigue, but by virtue of their indomitable perseverance. If they are not satisfactory there is a legitimate method for their removal, other than through democratic success.

There can be but one republican party in the field, and that is led by the gallant Beaver. He has a justifiable right, by virtue of the voice of the majority, to expect that the rank and file, steadfast old lines of the Keystone state—those who have borne the banner to victory so many times, will stand shoulder to shoulder in firm phalanx and receive the shock of battle. Our recusant brothers in revolt may erect fortresses to bar our continued success, they only can make it possible for our banner to be trailed in dishonor in the dust; but in the majesty of the cause of justice and right—believing that there is loyalty enought left to conquer—let every true republican rally around the standard and bear it aloft once more to triumph, and crown the brilliant and patriotic veteran with the chaplets of victory. We have seen already how he can fight his country's enemies, and he will prove that he can govern equally well.

Mason, the republican congressman-elect from the second West Virginia district, owes his success in a great degree to the fact that his opponent tried to make people believe that he was a better tariff man than Mason. The people know how to treat a democrat who talks tariff. They distrust him from the start. —Phila. Press.

The republican meeting at Butler on Saturday night indicates that there will be a full republican vote for Beaver in that county in November. Tom Marshall's exhibition last month disgusted many of those who were inclined to support Stewart, and since that time the Independent cause has been on the wane. —Harrisburg Telegraph.

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Barleycorn.—Chicago Times.

The democratic party in Philadelphia has wantonly raised the straight partisan issue in this local campaign. This unwise action is greatly to be deplored, but republicans must meet the enemy on the ground he has chosen.—Phila Press.

Will the democrat who feels so jubilant over the result in Ohio recall his feelings upon hearing the news from Maine, two years ago, and then remember what followed in October and November? A republican always finds a stimulant in a first repulse.

As there was "no neutral ground for loyal people" during the rebellion, so there is no middle ground between democracy and republicanism to-day. You are either a republican or a democrat—no matter which ticket you vote. He that is not for us is against us.

Wolf says: "If we can't elect Stewart, we can elect Pattison, and that is the only way we can get rid of the bosses. It is better to live a year under the democrats than remain under Cameron's rule." But the people of Union county will this year teach Mr. Wolfe a salutary lesson.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Pattison says: "Public office is a public trust for the benefit of the whole people." So no doubt the democratic party regarded it, when at one time in the history of its management of the affairs of this state, the democratic state treasurer reported to the governor the names of four hundred and fifty defaulting state officers.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Fifteen congressmen from Ohio solid for free trade. Pennsylvania manufacturers must face the reality. And yet some of them are supporting the independents, who in turn are opposing republican congressional candidates who are protectionists. If Pennsylvania sends one free trader to congress she should receive the punishment in the shape of a breakdown in the tariff.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The democratic party wants the control of congress in order to abolish the tariff. Then won't they have to increase the internal revenue taxes? But the democratic party wants the control of congress in order to abolish the internal revenue system. Then won't they have to increase the tariff? Ordered, that these knotty questions be remanded to the several congressional districts.—Washington Republican.

In 1831 John C. Calhoun got up his little rebellion because of the tariff, and from that time to this it has been one of the cardinal doctrines of the democratic party that a tariff for protection was a violation of the constitution and a defiance of the spirit of our institutions. The South Carolina nullifier, despite the efforts of Jackson, led the party into the free trade folly, and it has remained there ever since.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

As usual the prohibitionists, or political cranks, as Halsted calls them, played the fool in the Ohio election. They had candidates of their own in all congressional district, and in several instances they got just votes enough to keep the republicans from winning. This was especially true of the Dayton district, where the prohibition idiot got about 300 votes and where the democrat beat the republican by about twenty five votes less than that number.—Gazette & Bulletin.

The chief lesson taught by the Ohio election is that all republicans must vote, and vote for the republican nominees, in order to win a republican victory. The remarkable light vote polled in many of the rural districts of the state and the large vote polled in the large towns, explains, in a great part, the democratic "tidal wave" of Tuesday. The republican party cannot expect to succeed anywhere if republicans do not turn out and vote the republican ticket. In politics, as in other things, success can be won only by the faithful performance of duty.—Lancaster Examiner

Stewart at Cincinnati.

To the average independent the most serious charge which he has been able to bring against General Beaver is that he misrepresented his constituents at the Chicago convention. This has been fairly met and answered, and by the letters of those who selected him as a delegate it has been shown that General Beaver's position was well understood before he was selected. But there is a legal maxim that he who seeks "equity must first do equity." Mr. Stewart, the candidate of the independents, defends his attempt to defeat the republican party by pretending to believe the charge that General Beaver did misrepresent his constituents, and that therefore he should not be endorsed by the party of this state. Well, let us see how stands Mr. Stewarts record. Mr. Thad. M. Hahon, a neighbor of Stewart's, in a recent speech at Fayetteville, in Franklin county, to the personal acquaintances of both, said: "John Stewart was the last man that should speak of Gen. Beaver's conduct at the Chicago convention. He asked who Franklin county and the Eighteenth Congressional District was for for President in 1876? Blaine, was the response. Mr. Mahon then asked, who did Mr. Stewart vote for at the National Convention, of which he was the delegate from this district, at Cincinnati? Instead of voting for Blaine as his constituents wanted him to do, he stuck to the "boss" and voted for Hartranft to satisfy them. On the second ballot four of the Pennsylvania delegation broke loose from the unit rule and voted for Blaine. The chairman decided they had a perfect right to do it, and they did for every ballot after. But Mr. Stewart was not one of them. He remained with the "bosses" and allowed them to cast his vote for Hartranft when he knew he was doing directly opposite what his constituents wanted him to do. On the last ballot the entire Pennsylvania delegation voted for Blaine, but it was too late, and Hayes was nominated. Mr Mahon said, let Mr. Stewart deny this and he would prove it to him, but he thought there was no danger of the would-be Governor doing anything of the kind." At the time of the Cincinnati convention Mr. Stewart's political ambition had not been nipped in the bud and personal spite had not won the victory over principal. Since that time Mr. Stewart has changed some of his views. But he should not blame the innocent with an offense of which he has been guilty. His independent candidacy is the most pretentious political fraud of the day.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

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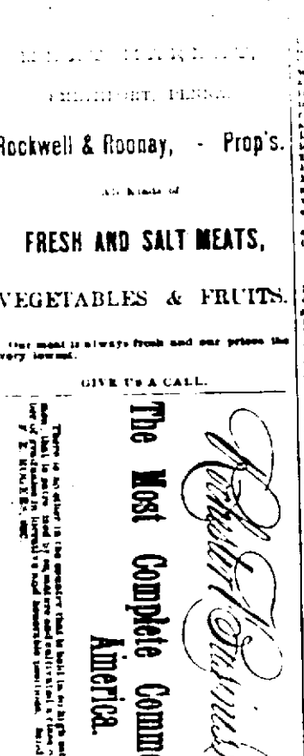

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Administrator's Notice.

Whereas letters testamentary to the estate of Benjamin Pickle, deceased of Corydon township have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having demands or claims against the same will make known the same without delay to
Corydon Pa. Oct 26, 1882. 43-6t. ISAAC PERKINS.

Foreign Attachment.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.

We command you that you summon David Dodgerson so that he be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Smethport in and for the said county, on the 3d Monday of December next, there to answer to M. Bartholomew and M. Walker and Walker and M. Bartholomew, trading as Walker & Bartholomew, of a plea in our assumpsit, and that you attach John H. Shaver, late of your county, by all and singular his goods and chattels, lands or tenements in your bailiwick, so that he be and appear before the Judges aforesaid at the time and place aforesaid to answer the premises and personal and every of them in which said the goods or effects or any of them may be so attached, and also that you summon the persons and persons and every of them in whose said the goods or effects or any of them may be so attached, and also that you summon the persons and persons and every of them in whose hands, possessions or custody he may have any of the goods or effects of the said John H. Shaver, to be and appear before the Judges aforesaid at the time and place aforesaid to answer and abide such order and decree touching the premises as to our said Court of Common Pleas shall seem meet. And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable H. W. Williams, President Judge of our said Court, at Smethport, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1882.
JOHN B. MAHAFFEY, Prothy.
JOHN N. APPLE, Dep'y.

The above is a true and attested copy of the original writ in my hands.
Attest A. L. WILCOX, Sheriff.
43-6t.

Charter Notice.

An application will be made to His Excellency Henry M. Hoyt, Gov. of Pennsylvania for the Incorporation of the Penn Oil Co., under the provisions of the Act of April 29 1874, and its Supplement. The business of said corporation being a general oil business.
HENRY, ELLIOTT & JACK, Solicitors.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF LEVARI Facias and Conditional Expenses issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county and to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport on

MONDAY, 13 TO DAY 20, 1882

at one o'clock p. m., the following described real and household estate, to-wit:

All the defendant's interest in and to all the following household and real estate to-wit:—A lease-hold of lot and parcel of land situate in Bremen's addition of the city of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., bounded east by Elder street, south by Main street, west by Union street, and north by land of Brennan, together with one one-story board frame house with wing attached. Also,

All the defendant's interest in and to the following described real estate to-wit:—A lot and parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz:—North by Newell Avenue, south by Corydon street, east by land of A. T. Reed, having thereon a lot 99x200 feet in breadth and depth, together with one one-story wooden house with wing, shed and out houses attached thereon.

Also:—All that certain messuage consisting of a of a lot of land three-story brick building, erected thereon, situate, lying and being in the city of Bradford, in the county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in north line of Main street in said city and at the southeast corner of lot No. 10, thence northwardly along the east line of said lot No. 10, two hundred and twenty-three feet, thence westwardly in a line parallel with Main street twenty-five (25) feet, thence southwardly and in a line parallel with the line of said lot No. 10, one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to the north line of Main street, thence eastwardly along the north line of Main street, twenty-five (25) feet to the place of beginning, conveyed by Charles Bolton and one undivided to Thomas Bradley, by deed bearing date the 31st day of July, A. D. 1882, and recorded in the office for recording deeds in and for the county of McKean, in Deed Book No. "Y" page 103, etc.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. A. Ferry, J. D. Burt and Thomas Bradley at the suit of C. B. Whitney & Son.
WM. BOOTH, Pf'ffs Att'y.

All the undivided one-third part of a certain piece or parcel of land situate in Otto township, McKean county, and state of Pennsylvania, being part of Warrant 4304 and described as follows:—Commencing at the northwest corner of land sold to Reynolds and Whitcomb, thence south 140 perches to a post; thence east 100 perches to a beech; thence north 140 perches to a post; thence west 100 perches to the place of beginning, containing 87 1-2 acres more or less, and reserving 1-3 of said thirty acres for the use of the widow of Thomas Bradley, deceased.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of C. C. Wright, administrator of the estate of V. C. Wright, deceased, at the suit of J. D. Wolf.
BAILEY & MORRISON, Pf'ffs Att'y.

All the defendant's interest in and to all the following described real estate lying and being in the township of Otto, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, to-wit:—Commencing at N. E. Keech's northeast corner, thence south 81 and one-fourth degrees west seventy-one rods; thence south 8 1-2 degrees west twenty-Two and two-tenths rods to C. B. Whitcomb's northeast corner; thence north 81 1-4 degrees west seventy-two rods; thence north 8 1-2 degrees east twenty-two and two-tenths rods to place of beginning, known as the O. L. Mather log boarding house and lot containing two acres more or less, and having thereon one saw mill, complete, two oil tanks, one engine and other machinery. Rigging and connections necessary for pumping oil.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of John Graves at the suit of C. H. McKevitt and Wm. H. Rossbrugh.
T. A. MORRISON, Att'y.

All that certain leasehold estate situate in the city of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., and bounded and described as follows:—Being a two story frame and brick dwelling house fronting on the north side of Two, Thirteen & Ott, in Warrant No. 3976, subject, however, to the reservations contained in the original deed from Edward F. Roden trustee, and bounded and described as being the same that was vested by the said C. H. McKevitt and W. H. Rossbrugh and their wives to the said Charles E. Judd and Hiram Campbell.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles E. Judd and Hiram Gamble at the suit of C. H. McKevitt and W. H. Rossbrugh.
W. M. BOOTH, Pf'ffs Att'y.

All that certain undivided private estate situate in Bradford township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, being part of the Keason farm and bounded and described as follows:—On the north by the lands of Elmo Rice, on the east by Bennett road, on the south by Wisconsin land, on the west by lands of Z. W. Fisher, containing ten (10) acres, together with two oil wells thereon, being the same granted by Jas. H. Law, J. W. Ingold et ux and G. Milligan as follows, Parties of the first part, to W. H. Nicholson, No. 1, 2 and 4 to Miller and Conley, No. 5, to James Hogan, No. 6, to Wm. Allebaugh, No. 7, to J. C. Mead, No. 8, to Tupper Bros. Together with all and singular the wells, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. W. Craft at the suit of Grover Milligan.
BAILEY & MORRISON, Pf'ffs Att'ys.

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THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., October 26, 1882.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Tom and Jerry are due

The C. & P. A. narrow gauge will pay.

—Come in when you want legal blanks of any kind.

—We insist now that the base ball season be closed.

The extract works made a fine fire but a costly one.

—The Big Bridge still continues to draw like a circus.

Next Tuesday is all hallow een: prepare your nuts and cider.

The communication from a "school director" is a suggestive one.

—It might be well enough for Smethport to own a steam fire engine.

Every republican will be expected at the polls on the 7th of November.

The freight war between the K. & E. and B. E. & C. roads continues.

—The congressional conferees did not get together until Wednesday afternoon.

—Go to the election and take your neighbor with you—if he is a republican.

—The jailer acknowledges the receipt of another hardened sinner from Bradford.

The Independents held a pow-wow at Armory Hall, Bradford, Saturday night.

—Next year you will come before Judge Olmsted when you desire to plead guilty.

The cornet band have improved greatly of late and now make first rate music.

The work of clearing away the *debris* at the scene of the late fire has already been begun.

A few pheasants have been brought in but that game is not plenty in this neighborhood.

—The most astonished man in the state next day after election will be Lewis Emery, Jr.

—Keep your eye on the legal advertisements, you may find one yet that will interest you.

Friday evening, "The world" by Samuel Colville's dramatic troupe, Bradford Opera House.

—If we have a hard winter of it the remembrance of so lovely an autumn will be a cheerful one.

—Baldwins' railway guide for October is out and is fully up to its usual standard of excellence.

—The game laws which most nearly concern our people will be found in this issue of the MINER.

—A new crossing was laid between Young's store and the sidewalk across the street Wednesday.

—An interesting letter from a Bradford boy away down in New Mexico will be found in this issue.

—The Bradford Sunday *News* got to this office on Tuesday as usual, but the *Mail* has not arrived yet.

—No more generous, valient or willing neighbors could be had anywhere than the fire boys of Bradford.

—These frosty nights make the improvident youths think of where their summer's wages have gone

—The train which brought the steamer from Bradford last Sunday made the run in an hour and four minutes.

—Oil still hangs close to ninety cents and the dollar mark will not probably be needed before the holidays.

—The new and handsome residence of ex-sheriff Bartwell is receiving the roof. It will be a splendid structure.

—It is about time to shut the water off the fountains in the Court House grounds, and save them from frost.

—The hose boys showed that they can run to a fire as well as for State prizes, in going to the conflagration last Sunday.

—Who is the school director that objects to the use of the school house for the meetings of the lyceum association.

—The democrats had their meeting at Bradford last Thursday night and now the prohibitionists will exhibit their candidate.

—The man who is telling around that squirrels are plenty in the woods is doing so for political effect, and should be sat down on.

—The republicans in the twenty-fourth district have broken the deadlock by nominating Hon. George V. Lawrence for congress.

—A private letter from Hon. L. Rogers assures us that he will be home in time to vote for Gen. Beaver and the whole republican ticket.

—The hose company's alligator ate a pound of beef steak Monday, the first nourishment he has taken since his arrival here last May.

—The United Pipe Lines' office at Bradford when completed will be the finest building that great corporation has ever erected for its use.

—The boys played a remarkably good game of ball at Bradford Tuesday but not quite good enough to win, however. The score stood twelve to fourteen.

—It looks as if a more summary and certain course should be taken with villians who assault little girls, than the slow process of prosecution, but perhaps it is better not.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad company made a trial recently of lighting a car with electricity. A car was fitted with the necessary apparatus at Jersey City, and run to Philadelphia with the light in operation. The experiment was a decided success, there being no flickering of the light, which was so bright that a newspaper could be read in any part of the car,

—A Bradford correspondence in our last week's issue reflected rather severely and as is claimed unjustly upon the conduct of the place kept by B. Jacobs on Chambers street in that city. Mr. Jacobs denies most emphatically the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, or that passers to and from church are insulted or inconvenienced by his customers, and he most especially denies the implication that he is in any sense in partnership with the party occupying the balance of the building. After some investigation of the facts we are satisfied that his place will compare quite favorably with others of the class in the city for good order and compliance with the law.

The Big Fire.

At 12:30 o'clock last Sunday the ringing of fire bells and screaming of whistles called the peaceful residents of our borough out to witness the largest conflagration that ever visited Smethport. At once it was ascertained that it was in the Extract Works near the station of the Clermont branch of the B. N. Y. & P. railroad, and hundreds of people of all ages and sexes bent their steps in that direction.

The hose company of which this borough is justly proud, were soon on the ground with some five hundred feet of hose, hoping to be able to make a connection with the pumps that have always been kept in the buildings for use in case of fire, but to their chagrin it was found that this was impossible, the hose coupling being larger than that in use at the factory. The next thing was to telegraph to Bradford for a steamer with which to raise water to the building. In the mean time the boys formed lines, organized a bucket brigade, and in this way succeeded in preventing the fire from communicating with other buildings while it was consuming the works in which it originated.

About half past four o'clock a train bearing a steamer from Bradford run across the switch and halted at the scene of the fire. It was found that the machine could take water from the ditch beside the track without being taken from the car, and, although the fire had by this time leveled the building and only existed in a pile of some four hundred cords of bark, it was decided to use the steamer to put this out and wet down the other ricks of bark in the immediate vicinity. A head of steam was gotten up, but for some unexplained reason the steamer did not go to work right, and a short time elapsed before this defect had been remedied, when it started off all right and two magnificent streams were set in motion against the flames which in a few minutes succumbed to the little giant. The bark stored near the works was of greater value by far than the mills, and to the efforts of the firemen both of Smethport and Bradford the Extract company feel indebted for that the fire was not a vast deal more destructive than it was.

At times while the fire raged hottest it seemed as if no amount of work would suffice to save several buildings in the vicinity from destruction, and flying embers ignited the dry "stuff" all about the factory, road and depot, and required the most vigilant attention and constant work to prevent it from breaking into irreparable proportions. Men mounted the house tops all about and with buckets of water handed them, wet the roofs down from time to time and thereby frustrated the fire. The store of James Tracy as well as the station building and Sowers' Hotel were fired several times but constant attention prevented them from being lost.

The loss as estimated by Mr. Backer, the manager, will fall somewhere about $35,000, while the insurance will foot up about $20,000. It is impossible at the time to ascertain what proportion of the machinery if any, will be serviceable again, and this may make material alterations both in loss and insurance.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from a spark from the furnace alighting among the fine bark dust in the upper part of the building. This is certainly a more plausible theory than that it could have been started by a spark from the smoke stack as some supposed, for the reason that the stiff breeze blowing all the forenoon would have prevented sparks, if they had fallen from the stack from alighting on the building or anywhere near it. The watchman who was supposed to be on duty at the establishment on Sundays had gone to his dinner, therefore the origin of the fire can only be conjectured.

NOTES.

Mr. Backer, manager, was in Boston when he received a telegram informing him of his loss.

A woman standing looking at the fire raised a whoop when she discovered that her hat and hair were burning.

A large number of barrels, some filled with manufactured goods were saved from the burning building.

People stood gazing at the fire all the afternoon, forgetting entirely their hot smoking dinners at home.

Personal.

G. W. Williams looks with pride on his new delivery wagon.

E. B. Freeman's ad. in another column is brief but to the point.

Isaac Perkins of Ceres township called at the MINER office Tuesday.

T. D. Nash returned Monday after a trip to Pittsburg and elsewhere.

S. F. Godden of Carrollton, Ohio, formerly of this place, was in town to-day.

Harry Richmond has adorned his store with the handsomest showcase ever seen here.

Mrs. T. D. Nash returned Monday from the east where she had been purchasing goods.

F. J. and Mrs. Vickery accompanied by their little son were visiting here on Sunday and Monday last.

C. F. Kittredge left for New York Wednesday morning to arrange for dramatic entertainment at the Opera House this winter.

J. H. Gray returned last Saturday from Erie whither he went to attend a convocation of clergymen of the Erie and Warren Deanories.

Miss Helena Story, formerly of Olean, has accepted a situation as milliner at Mrs. Nash's. Miss Story is said to be a connoisseur in the millinery art.

Frank Van Wormer of Corry, was in town on Tuesday and called on the MINER staff, renewed his subscription and went his way. Frank will be made welcome whenever he comes.

Gus Wolters has the MINERS thanks for a cabbage head of immense proportions. Not that Gus can beat any other man raising cabbages, but because he remembers the poor in the reason we speak of this.

General Hamer returned last Sunday from the far west whither he went about the first of September. He brings a good report of that country and we fear, contemplates moving toward the setting sun.

Letter of the Miner.

I promised you that I would write you a letter from this section of the country and give you my opinion of the prospects before a young man who might take up his abode in the far South West. I am compelled to say that to one reared in the climate and under the civilization of old Pennsylvania as I was it is decidedly a strange country, and the difference between the two sections is so great that I could not find any fault with you if you should think I was stretching some of the tales that I may tell you in all truth and candor. For instance: I was out of Vegas a few days ago some thirty miles, putting on a tin roof and while working on the top of the building where the sun shone down perpendicularly and while the perspiration rolled from my face in streams, I could look away in the distance and see the mountain tops clad in their covering of eternal snow. When the rains come and refresh the valleys which are filled with all the vegetable life for which New Mexico has become justly famous, the same showers fall in snow flakes on the peaks adding to the white mantle which has enshrouded them perhaps for all time and will continue to do so till time shall be no more.

We have some mountains that for height rank among the best of them in the whole country. "Old Baldy" so-called by the inhabitants because its summit is forever bare of vegetation—a barren heap of rock—raises his head eight thousand feet, and still another, "Starvation Peak" which pierces the upper air a distance of eleven thousand feet. This mountain has a story connected with it as all respectable mountains should have, and from this it is said that it takes its name. The story as related to me by an old Mexican woman who had from all appearances lived her full four score years, was this: Many years ago, when the only law known to the country now comprising New Mexico, was strength and skill in the use of such arms as the Indians and roving Mexicans possessed, a band of thirteen Mexicans were pursued by Indians and took refuge on the summit of the mountain in question, which could be reached by but a single pass. This pass was well known to the pursuing party and it was decided that the best and safest way to wipe out their offensive neighbors was to quietly sit down at the entrance to the narrow passage way and wait until starvation did the work they sought to accomplish. This was done, and in some fifteen or twenty days the hostile red skins cautiously advanced upon their enemies, but found them dangerous no more. One by one they had succumbed, and the ever present carrion birds had stripped their bones of the little flesh left on them when death appeased their gnawing appetites. This story may be a lie but whether it is or not I am clear for I gave the old Mexican woman a bright shining half dollar for telling me the tale.

We have in this neighborhood hot springs which, since their medicinal qualities have become known have added much interest to this place and bid fair to add largely to the revenues also. The afflicted, suffering from almost all diseases known to medical science, resort to them to bathe in their healing waters and many go away leaving their ills, whether real, or imaginary, behind. A mammoth hotel, called the Montezuma, has been erected at the springs, at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. The building is of the Queen Anne style of architecture, and while not handsome in outward appearance is magnificently furnished, and provided with every luxury to be found in the best hotels in America.

Dance halls, variety theatres and all the usual places of amusement to be found in the new frontier towns abound here, and are literally patronized by the sporting classes of both sexes, and, indeed, of almost all nationalities. Gambling places are very numerous, every saloon being fitted up with a view to accommodate those who wish to dally with the fickle goddess fortune. Music is nightly heard in all these places, and some of them are equipped at an expense rarely seen in the old eastern cities. I have heard and read a great deal about the beautiful Mexican and Indian maidens, but I want here and now to say without any reservation whatever, that they are without exception the homeliest lot of females on the top side of the earth. You can see more handsome women on Main street in Bradford in one evening than exist in the whole Territory of New Mexico, and I consider myself a competent judge.

Among the business men here I find our old time Bradford friend, J. F. Butcher, who came here some two or three years ago in search of health, and has not only found that but is in a fair way to find wealth, as he has large mining interests in "Mineral Hill," one of the best pieces of property in N. M. He is well satisfied with his exchange of residences and will in all probability spend the remainder of his days in Las Vegas.

I have not yet decided what I will follow, whether a scout, express robber or a cow boy. Before I close I wish to say that we have some liars here, but I must say that I have never yet met Sile Green's equal for pure cussed, straight-out, useless lying, and I don't believe his equal exists in America. When I have seen more of the country I will write you further and if you find anything worth publishing you are at liberty to make such use of my letters as you see proper. Very truly, yours,

H. A. CALLAHAN

Pennsylvania Game Laws.

Ruffed grouse can be killed from now until January 1. The same dates also govern the killing of pinnated grouse in those sections where recently these prairie haunting birds have been introduced. Deer can be also shot from October 1 until December 1, and quail and wild turkeys from the 10 inst to January 1; but rabbits are not legal prey till November 1, and after that date may be killed on to January 1. Woodcock, however, are in season from July 4 to January 1; squirrels from September 1 to the end of the year, and wild fowl from September 1 to the 15th of next May. The penalty for infringment of these laws ranges from $5 to $25 for each bird or species of ground game shot out of season.

Hark! From The Tombs.

The M. Kean *Miner* and the Bradford *Star* are now working together like a couple of tombs.—Bradford Mail.

The above must be correct for when the *Mail* launched its remodelled craft on the uncertain sea of journalism three weeks ago, its editor made a solemn promise to the people to do right. But Andy, how can "tombs" work together, for we read that "there is no device or work in the tomb to which we are hastening." Besides that, we had thought the tomb was a sort of quiet, secluded place where intruders would not come and the rest of the occupant would be uninterrupted.

"Working together like a couple of tombs." This is a discovery, which, if correct is likely to produce no small commotion in respectable and well regulated graveyards. If tombs are in the habit of working together there are a great many people who will select their resting places with more care in the future. For instance, who would want to be entombed side by side with Henry Ward Beecher if this working together, which the *Mail* editorially and gravely asserts to be the case, be possible. Where will Susan B. Anthony find a tomb where she can lie down and feel safe? Or how will the editor of the *Mail* feel, in view of this great uncertainty, when he lays the tender form of his infant publication in the tomb in November. 'Tis a solemn thought: Oh! Andy, Andy.

He Rises to Reply.

The following communication is from a School Director. The orthography, etymology, syntax, prosody and capitals are his:

STATE LINE MILLS Oct 24 | 83

Editor Miner Dr Sir

your paper of last week contains rather a severe Reprimand to the School Directors of McKean county for not attending the Teachers Institute held at Smethport as I happen to be one that gets hit I would like to say a few words in thier behalf a School Directors Pay Mr Editor is nothing a day and Pay his own Expences and by the time that he spends from fifteen to Thirty days Each year at that Price he feels to poor to spend a week at Smethport and Pay from $1,00 to $1,50 Per Day for board Mr M O Campbell is the chosen and Paid Representative of the People of McKean Co Paid for the Express Purpose of attending Teachers Institutes and attending to all Duties Pertaining to the Qualifications of Teachers

when a Teacher comes before a board of Directors with the Signature of M O Campbell attached to a certificate they are considered Competent to teach and the Directors will See that they do their Duty or take the advice given to Directors in your Paper to Step Down and out and give Place to some one that can Teach

as regards the law making it a breach of Official Duty in Directors not attending the Institute I have failed to find it will the Parties making the charg Please state through the columns of your Paper where it can be found.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

Please Print and Oblige

H. BAKER

State Line Mills

McKean Co Pa

BUSINESS LOCALS.

TO LET—Three rooms in the Wendell building over H. L. Wilson's grocery store. Apply to,

3t H. L. WILSON.

—The Peoples Store received several immense crates of china, glass, majolica and delf ware Wednesday. This store has planted itself in the front rank in the lines of goods that they carry, and prices say and the people all say that they can buy goods cheaper at No. 44 Main street than anywhere else in Smethport.

—We dropped into Mrs. Nash's store yesterday and took the liberty of inspecting the new fall stock of goods recently purchased for this establishment, and we were amazed at the extent of the great outlay of goods which is spread before the ladies of this section. It is a museum of wondous and to the ladies must prove a most enchanting exhibition.

Election Notes.

Every male citizen, twenty-one years of age, who shall have been a citizen at least one month, and shall have been a resident of the state one year—or having been previously a qualified elector or native citizen of the state, and shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months immediately preceding the election.

He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

If twenty-two years of age or upwards he shall have paid within two years a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months, and paid at least one month before the election. Page 98, section 1.

Special elections governed by the same law as general elections. P. 113, s. 23.

Constable to be present to preserve order while polls are open. P. 129, s. 16.

Assessors to be present with election board while polls are open. P. 131, s. 16.

Overseers will be appointed by the court on petition of five electors. P. 108, s. 4.

Ballot box contents to be totally destroyed by election board before proceeding to hold election. P. 109, s. 13.

Judge to be sworn by minority inspector, inspectors, overseers and clerks by the judge. P. 100, s. 9.

In absence of the minority inspector defeated candidate for judge shall serve. In absence of majority inspector judge shall appoint a substitute. In absence of judge majority inspector shall appoint. Vacancy continuing one hour electors present shall elect one of their number to serve. P. 133, s. 20.

In absence of clerks substitutes to be appointed at once by inspectors. P. 133, s. 21.

Polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. P. 104, s. 5.

Judge to designate one inspector to take registry and one other to receive and number ballots. P. 104, s. 58.

Judge, inspector and overseer empowered to administer oath. P. 110, s. 17.

When a ballot is received the inspector shall call aloud the name of elector, if the other inspector finds the name on registry and no challenge is offered, he marks V on margin and the clerks report the name and enter it upon the list of voters. P. 137, s. 87.

When name is not on registry, "papers" must be made out with one witness, a qualified voter in same district. P. 105, s. 70.

When sworn in on residence or age, name to be added to registry and noted on margin "tax" or "age," also same noted on list of voters. P. 137, s. 89.

In "counting off" the inspector's shall deliberately take out such tickets and read each name in the presence of the judge. P. 139, s. 44.

As soon as all the votes for any office shall be read off and counted, the judge shall publicly declare the number for such person. P. 130, s. 46.

Returns shall state number of votes received by each candidate first in words then in figures and signed by full board of officers, or reasons for not signing attached to returns. P. 107, s. 13.

All judges living within twelve miles of the Prothonotary's office, etc., shall, before 2 p. m. of the day after election, deliver election papers to the clerk of quarter sessions. P. 101, s. 13.

Judiciary, State, County, Township and Borough tickets to be deposited in separate boxes. P. 127, s. 36.

After the fifth consecutive year a naturalized citizen need not produce his papers at the same polls. P. 105, s. 11.

Election officers are eligible for reelection. P. 122, s. 17.

The general election shall be held annually on the the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November; subject to change by a two third vote of the general assembly.

All the elections for city, ward, borough and township officers, for regular term of service, shall be held on the third Tuesday of February.

NOTE—It would prevent much annoying delay and inconvenience if each elector would announce his name when presenting his ballot at the polls. It is impossible for the inspector to call, but very few voters by name, on the instant, and very frequently the poor light prevents a recognition of even those with whom he may be well acquainted.

NOTE—It is always embarrassing to the election officers to have anyone outside the board present during the counting off, and should be forbidden by custom until it becomes forbidden by law.

A Challenge Answered.

In answer to a challenge published in last Sunday's Elmira *Telegram*, signed Joseph Fetzer, offering to run for $200 to $400 against any party who took part in the hose races which took place in Bradford, Sept. 22d and 23d, the person accepting to give the challenging party a start of three yards, I hereby accept the challenge provided the two runners have an equal start, for any sum up to $1,000. The undersigned is ready to meet the challenging party to arrange the place and time of meeting and put up the required forfeit money.

A MEMBER OF ACKERMAN HOSE CO.
RICHBURG, N. Y.

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The Silver Ring.

There stood in Berkshire, far out upon a quiet country road, a little inn, which the wood sign swinging at the door declared to be known as "The Magpie's Nest."

It has been thus named because of the number of magpies in the neighborhood. And straight before the door stood an oak tree, a century old, among whose uppermost branches, year in and year out, always hung a magpie's nest, to which the country people believed that the same old magpie returned regularly.

No very elegant entertainment was offered at the "Magpie's Nest," for either man or beast; but its patrons thought the ale good; and then it was served to them by one of the most charming rosy-cheeked little bar-maid, who wore a cap with bright ribbons, and had a waist that could have been spanned by two hands—a well-behaved little maid, also, who resented too much freedom by a box on the ear, and who was known by the rector of the parish church to have been the very best girl in his Sunday school.

So, though she was a poor orphan, and had only her little mede of wages Betty might have married many a stout farmer. However, she refused them all, and kept on with her duties at the 'Magpie's Nest' until the son of the master, coming home from India, where he had served as a soldier for several years, fell in love with her, and offered her his hand and heart. Betty did not prove unkind. The innkeeping father was willing enough to secure his handy Betty for a permanent assistant, and amid the chattering of the magpies Betty and John exchanged their vows under the nest being oak there one bright afternoon; and John put upon her finger a thick silver ring which he had obtained abroad, perhaps by purchase, perhaps by gift, perhaps as soldiers obtain many things in the time of war.

It was not a costly gift—to our eyes it would not be a beautiful one—but Betty valued it highly. She kept it polished to perfection, and wore it on high days and holidays; but though she loved John and looked forward to her wedding day with joy, she would not alter the bright coquettish manner which had always belonged to her. She joked with the farmers, flung them back repartee for repartee, and even gave them those bright glances which John, the soldier, thought should be only given to himself. So John grew jealous, and, being a moody sort of a fellow, said nothing about it to her.

It never entered Betty's mind that the very manner which had once enchanted John should now offend him; and she herself grew angry with her lover for his scowls and sullkness.

Therefore, when a young Frenchman from Marseilles, black-eyed, black-haired and polite in his manners as Frenchmen usually are, chanced, in the course of a business journey, to stop at the 'Magpie's Nest,' she felt that he really would be a fine example for surly John Leaf, and was amiable to him to a degree that might have made a less jealous man angry. Then, indeed, John Leaf spoke out, and Betty discovered the secret of his ill-temper.

Her pride being flattered thereby, she forgave him, and retired on Saturday night with the firm intention of winning back John's smiles on the morrow, her holiday, when she would go to church in her best attire and charm his heart from him o'er again, as he walked by her side. What woman ever had any design on a man's heart, ever desired to win from him any favor or any gift that she did not bethink her of all her finery? Before Betty slept she took from her trunk her Scotch plaid dress, her fringed shawl, her blue-ribboned cap, her Sunday shoes and her silver ring, having given the latter an extra polish, laid them where they would meet her eyes the first thing next morning.

John Leaf, sulking in his room under the garret eaves, had no thought of this. Those slow natures do not forget and forgive in a hurry, any more than they do anything else.

The morning sun, shining against the inn's wall, aroused Betty with his first rays. She rubbed her eyes, opened them, put her little feet out upon the floor, knelt down and said her simple prayer, and then flew to the glass. It was only a crooked thing, with a flaw in it, and a rough oaken frame, but sufficient to make her happy. She braided her hair, put on her cap, buttoned her dress, tied about her throat the gay neck ribbon, laced her shoes and then looked for her ring. It was gone!

She knew the very spot upon the red heart-shaped pin cushion into which she had thrust the needle over which the silver ring had been hung. There stuck the needle still. It was below the window still, on a little table; it could not have rolled out; but it was not in the room. She shook out her dress, her shawl, her bed clothes. She swept the floor. It was gone. That was the end of it.

Betty sat down and wept bitterly. All the country people of the day were superstitious. The ring had disappeared in a most mysterious way, for her door was bolted and her window high from the ground, and she firmly believed that the loss portended some great evil.

Meanwhile at the bar of the inn a little scene was going on. The Frenchman had asked for a glass of ale; and John who was always tapster on Sunday morning had drawn it for him, when, as their hands almost met in the act, he saw upon the little finger of his customer a thick silver ring, the very counterpart of that which he had given to his Betty.

'You've a pretty ring, Monseer' he said, with a sort of catching of the breath. 'May I ask where you got it?'

'Ah, yes, certainly,' said the Frenchman. 'One does not boast, but a very pretty girl gave me that. Yes, and a kiss also.'

John turned as pale as any florid face could turn. He made no answer, but marched straight out of the tap-room and into Betty's kitchen.

She stood near the door in her holiday dress, with her white cotton gloves on. The magpies were chattering overhead, and afar the church bells were ringing.

'You are going to church with me, John,' she asked softly, with a smile.

'That depends,' said John Leaf.

Then he walked straight up to her, and looked full into her honest eyes.

'You don't look like a cheat,' he said; 'but who knows a woman? Take off your gloves, Betty.'

Betty [illegible].

'Where's your ring?' he [illegible].

Betty Burst into tears.

'It's lost, John,' she said. 'I can find it nowhere.'

'You haven't looked on Monseer's finger, then, said John. 'You poor fool, to give it to him, and think I shouldn't know it!'

'Oh, I'll swear I never did,' sobbed Betty. 'I give your ring to any one else! Why John——'

But he pushed her from him with his rough hand, and would hear no words from her; and the next day he left the inn, and enlisted once more, and was sent away again to India. And Betty left the inn also, and took service with a farmer's wife close by; and whatever the magpies chattered about, it was no more of the lovemaking that they heard when John and Betty sat together beneath the old oak tree.

Five years went by. At last John received a letter from England, telling him that his father was dead and had left all his little possessions to his only son.

John Leaf's fighting days were over, in any case, and he was on the invalid list for life. He had fought as desperate men do; had been commended and promoted, and had some medals and ribbons to show and boast of as compensation for a wooden leg. So he went home again and settled down as proprietor of the 'Magpie's Nest,' and was a sort of hero among the neighbors; but he was very lonely. Men do not quite forget in five years. He could still see Betty's buxom form flitting about the kitchen in imagination, and when the magpies chattered in their nests he could fancy that he sat with her still under the oak branches. Then he grew wroth with the magpies, who seemed to mock him, and ordered his pot-boy to tear the nest down.

In vain the lad pleaded for the birds. In vain he declared that, even if the new nests went, the old one in the topmost branches should be left "for luck."

But John Leaf, the soldier, had cast away all his country superstitions.

'I'll have those magpies chattering about my ears no more,' he said. 'Up, and leave not a nest of them all.'

So the boy obeyed. He planted a ladder against the tree and then swung out upon the branches. There was a grievous noise, and doubtless to this day old magpies tell their children of that massacre of the innocents at the great oak tree. But there were no birds to chatter and scream in that great rag of a nest which the boys hands clutched at last. He came down with the relic in his hand, and stood before his master with a grin.

'Eh, master! may I have all I found in the old nest?' he asked.

'If it is not a magpie's egg,' said John Leaf.

'It's better than that,' said the lad. 'It's a silver ring.'

'Let me see it,' cried John Leaf, and he snatched it from his hand.

It was the ring with which he plighted his troth to Betty under the oak; and he knew that the magpies had gotten it, and that the Frenchman only wore one that resembled it.

The first thing that John did was to call himself hard names. 'A jealous fool!' 'A suspicious brute!' Heaven knows what else. Then he melted, and all by himself in the wood behind the house, shed tears and vowed to find Betty if she still lived on earth.

Where he went, of whom he inquired, matters not. But one day when the sun was setting in the west he opened a little cottage gate to which he had been directed and saw her knitting, under a vine-covered porch, his Betty, not changed one single bit. And she? She looked at him and she did not know him with his thin sallow face and his wooden leg. 'What may you be wanting, sir?' she asked.

And he said, 'Betty!'

And she cried out, 'Why, mercy, it's John Leaf!'

Then he sat down on a bench close by her side.

'You know I never had many words to spend on anything, Betty,' he said. 'I'll come to the point at once. I know now that you never gave my ring to Monseer. I found it—or my lad did, for I'm not very good at climbing now—in the old magpie's nest in the oak top.'

'So the old magpie stole it, eh?' said Betty.

'Well, they are most very strange birds. I've heard they've taken spoons before now.'

'And so, Betty,' said John, 'if you'll just only overlook all the past and let bygones be bygones, then I'll be a happy man.'

'Oh, I owe you no great grudge,' said Betty, 'and bygones are bygones John Leaf.'

'But you'll let things be as they were, Betty?' said John, 'and you'll be my Betty again?'

She laughed.

'Don't you know?' said she. 'Why look there.'

He looked. Through the gate came a foreign-looking man, with gold rings in his ears and a silver ring upon one of his fingers, who led by the hand a toddling child.

'Why, it's Monseer,' said John.

'You see,' said Betty, 'I went to him to ask him how he come by his ring, and he proved it was none of mine. It has a name and a date on it that mine never had. And he was kind to me, and you had been cruel. And so we have been married three years—eh, Louis? and this is our boy.'

'I had better go home, I think,' said John Leaf. 'One is always punished for being a fool. But this is your ring. Will you have it, Betty?'

'Pray keep it for your sweetheart,' said Betty. 'You'll find one soon there's no doubt.'

But John Leaf never found one again, and the silver ring found in the old magpie's nest was buried with him when he died.

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Folks who get up an hour or two before sunrise report that they can see the comet. People who sit up to that hour are probably able to see two comets.—Boston Traveller.

The government may not get anything from the star route thieves, but there is a satisfaction in knowing that the lawyers will make them poor if they keep them out of prison.—New Orleans Picayune.

Dean Stanley said: "The best remedy for all evils is to look forward."

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Teaching the young idea: "What is that, mother?" "It is the Legislature, my child." "What does it do, mother?" "It repeals acts passed by the last Legislature."—Laramie Boomerang.

Pedestrian, who has dropped a penny in front of "a poor blind man,"—"Why, you humbug, you're not blind." Beggar—"Not I, sir. If the card says I am, they must have given me the wrong one. I'm deaf and dumb."—Boston Transcript.

Recently the citizens of Fair Play, Colorado, decided that they ought to do something to observe the Sabbath. So hereafter they will not shoot on Sunday except in self defence, or when a man impudently refuses to drink.—Philadelphia News.

Commendable temperance: There is a story told of a fine Cornish Squire who only drank brandy on two occasions—when he had goose for dinner and when he had not.—N. Y. Post.

A girl who sets out to look graceful in a hammock has as much work on hand as the man who trys to be languid with a saw-log following him down hill.—Detroit Free Press.

A Tennessee woman has trained a dog to drink beer and chew tobacco. Now you will see that woman will never marry. She has no use for a man around the house.

A case of domestic scandall under discussion at a tea-table: "Well, let us think the best of her we can," said an elderly spinster. "Yes," said another, "and say the worst—that's the fashion."

A great many things are accepted by us, as a matter of course, in this country. An Austin notary was called to take the acknowledgement of a witness to a deed. He wrote: 'To me, well known, personally appeared——by the way, what is your name, anyhow?'—Texas Siftings.

"Tug" Wilson, the English bruiser, has sailed for home, and if he writes a book about America he will have no trouble in telling what "struck him most forcibly" in this country.

A novelist says that smoking injures the memory and the editor of the Kentucky *State Journal* declares that he is going to smoke more than ever as there are a great many things he would like to forget.

Mrs. Mackay, wife of the Nevada Bonanza King, devotes her time in Paris to inventing. That is, inventing new methods to spend her money. When all other schemes fail, she should start a newspaper.—Norristown Herald.

"Yes," he said: "I hope the autumn leaves won't be handsome this year." "Don't you love the beautiful in nature?" they asked him. "Yes," he replied, "but if there are no handsome leaves, I may be able to take down a book in my library without dropping a lot from it."—Boston Post.

Together they were looking over the paper. "Oh, my! how funny!" she said. "What is it?" he asked. "Why, here's an advertisment that says, 'No reasonable offers refused.'" "What's so odd about that?" "Nothing, nothing," she replied, trying to blush, "only those are exactly my sentiments.—Vassar College Girl.

Barking critics: A certain Circuit Judge was always sure of meeting some cutting or sneering remark from a self-conceited lawyer when he came to a certain town in his rounds. This was repeated one day at dinner, when a gentleman present, said: "Judge why don't you squelch that fellow?" The Judge, dropping his knife and fork and placing his chin upon his elbows on the table, remarked: "Up in our town a widow woman has a yallar dog that, whenever the moon shines, goes out upon the porch and barks and barks away at it all night." Stopping short, he quietly resumed eating. After waiting some time it was asked: "Well, Judge, what of the dog and the moon?" "Oh, the moon kept right on," he said.—Troy Times.

It is related that Michigan saloon-keepers, who had combined to test the liquor law of that state, once sent a copy of the law and a check for $500 to the Hon. Matt Carpenter, of Wisconsin, and asked his opinion of the law. His answer was laconic: "The law is good and can't be broken."

Ask some men for an advertisement and they will answer: "I don't believe in advertising. Nobody reads your paper;" but let the same man be caught kissing a neighbor's wife or trying to hold up a street lamp and his tune changes immediately, and if a newspaper office is in a garret of a seven story building he will climb to the top and beg the editor to keep the affair out of the paper as all his acquaintance in seven counties would get on to it.

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